## Who Can Vote in Utah? Under the Utah Constitution

- "Every citizen of the United States,
- eighteen years of age or over,
- who makes proper proof of residence in this state
  - for thirty days next preceding any election, or
  - for such other period as required by law,
- shall be entitled to vote in the election." (Art. IV, Sec. 2)
  - "All elections shall be free, and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage." (Art. I, Sec. 17)

- "No property qualification shall be required for any person to vote or hold office." (Art. IV, Sec. 7)
  - "The rights of citizens of the State of Utah to vote and hold office shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex." (Art. IV, Sec. 1)
- The following may not vote unless provided by statute:
  - ▶ Mentally incompetent
  - ► Convicted felon
  - ► Person convicted of treason
  - ► Person convicted of a crime against the elective franchise (Art. IV, Sec. 6)

# **Broad Election Issues**Legislative Policy Making

Final Ballot Set (candidates/ballot measures)

Voter registration

Voter party affiliation

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**Days Before Election Day** 

Administration of orderly and fair elections

Federal Law, Utah Constitution, and State Statute

Voting rights/ privileges

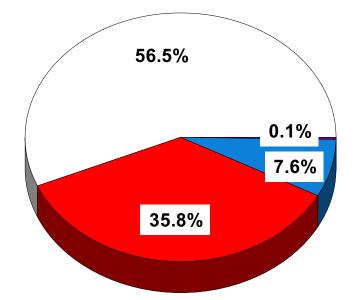
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### **Utah Political Party Affiliation**

#### 1,249,029 Active Registered Voters

As of April 11, 2007





**Constitution Party 1,247** 

**Democratic Party 95,348** 

Republican Party 447,301

## **Change of Political Party Affiliation**

# Legislative Policy Making Voter registration deadline Last day to change

political party affiliation

#### 30 Days

**Days Before Election Day** 

Administration of orderly and fair elections

Voting rights/ privileges

20A-2-107.5. Designating or changing party affiliation -- Regular primary election.

- (1) At any regular primary election:
  - (a) each county clerk shall provide change of party affiliation forms to the election judges for each voting precinct within the county; and \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) any registered voter who is classified as "unaffiliated" may affiliate with a political party by completing the form and giving it to the election judge.
- (2) An unaffiliated voter who affiliates with a political party as provided in Subsection (1)(b) may vote in that party's primary election.